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The Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior today announced the opening of a new fishery technological laboratory at Boston, Massachusetts to serve the fishing industry of the New England States.

The new laboratory, which is under the direction of Joseph F. Puncochar, is one of five similar laboratories that the Service operates in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Alaska.

The Boston laboratory will be equipped to carry out research in fish refrigeration, canning, sanitation, fishery by-products and fishery engineering. First studies to be undertaken will be concerned with improvements in methods of handling fish aboard vessels and at points of landing.

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, described the new laboratory as a "clearing house for all commercial fishery problems of a technological nature" in the New England area, and invited the fishing industry to take advantage of its consulting services.

A mobile field unit staffed by a bacteriologist and chemical engineer, and fully equipped to carry out sanitation, canning and related studies will operate from the laboratory. The mobile unit will visit the various fishing centers in the area and will be available for "on the spot" assistance to the industry.

The laboratory is located at Room 710, U. S. Appraisers Stores Building, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston 10, Massachusetts.

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